Electrification of villages in Tamil Nadu

3137. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified in Tamil Nadu under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana so far, district-wise;

(b) whether any target has been fixed for electrification of villages during 2006-07 in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the amount earmarked for the purpose;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any Central Public Sector Undertaking is involved in electrification of villages in the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made by them so far?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) No village has been electrified in Tamil Nadu under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), as no proposal has been received from Government of Tamil Nadu for electrification of villages.

(b) to (f) Questions do not arise.

Overdrawing of power from Northern Grid

3138. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern Grid which supplies power to Northern States is on the brink of collapse;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that some States are overdrawing power from this grid even when the grid's frequency is low;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Union Government to see that the Northern India's power network is not snapped?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The Northern Grid had been operating at low frequency on account of rise in demand due to onset of summer and reduced availability of -generation. While the energy requirement and peak demand in the Northern

Grid during April, 2006 increased by 5% and 8.3% respectively compared to April, 2005, there was no increase in energy availability and the increase in peak met was 1.4% only during the corresponding period,

(c) and (d) In real time operation, States overdraw power from the Grid more than their schedule at one time or other as unscheduled interchange (UT) depending on availability of generation from their own resources and the demand for power. Details of overdrawal of the States of Northern Region during April, 2006 when grid frequency was below 49.0 Hz. is given below:—

U.P.	163 MU
Punjab	55 MU
J&K	39 MU
Uttaranchal	26 MU
Rajasthan	26 MU
Haryana	15MU
Delhi	12MU
UT Chandigarh	7MU
Himachal Pradesh	less than 1 MU

(e) Ministry of Power and Central Electricity Authority discussed the matter with the representatives of State Governments/Power Utilities of Northern Region. All the States confirmed that they shall take all possible steps to ensure that there was not overdrawal of power in order to maintain safety and security of the Northern Grid.

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission has imposed a penalty of Rs. one lakh on UPPCL for undisciplined over drawal of power during 27th to 30th April, 2006.

Complaints of private power companies

3139. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private power companies have, through CM, alleged that the Ministry has failed to differentiate its role as owner of public sector companies and a policy maker for the entire country in the matter of payment guarantee cover;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and